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NETWORK END POINT

Group Art Unit: 2613

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE **ACTION MAILED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2006**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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In response to the Official Action mailed September 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following:

Amendments to the Specification which begin on page 2 of this paper; Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

Remarks which begin on page 12 of this paper;

Appendix A which begins on page 31 of this paper; and

Appendix B which begins on page 32 of this paper.

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